



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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January 17, 2003

Dear South Florida Citizen:

Re: Chapter 40E-8, Florida Administrative Code – Published Loxahatchee Minimum Flows and Levels Rule in the Florida Administrative Weekly

The proposed rule for the establishment of minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River was published in the January 10, 2003 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly (Volume 29, Number 2, Section II, p.141) and can be viewed at <http://faw.dos.state.fl.us/fawframes.html>. The rule identifies minimum flow criteria designed to prevent significant harm to the water resources and ecology of the area. The Technical Documentation to Support Development of Minimum Flows and Levels for the Loxahatchee River is available on the District's website at <http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/wsd/mfl/loxmfl/docs.html>

Following the twenty-one day public comment period, which commenced on the date of publication, January 10, 2003 a Governing Board public hearing for Rule adoption will be held at the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 on February 13, 2003, beginning at 8:30 A.M. To view the Governing Board schedule and agenda, please consult the following web page: http://www.sfwmd.gov/gover/2_meetings.html. As with all meeting agendas, this is a tentative date and presentation schedule. Please call the District switchboard (561-686-8800) or check our website a day or two in advance to verify that there have been no changes.

Although Governing Board meetings, hearings, and workshops are normally recorded, affected persons are advised that they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities or handicaps who need assistance may contact Garrett Wallace, District Clerk, at (561) 682-6371, at least two (2) business days in advance to make appropriate arrangements.

If you have technical questions regarding the proposed rule, please contact David Swift at dswift@sfwmd.gov or 1-800-432-2045, extension 6703. For procedural issues, please contact Julie Jennison at jjenniso@sfwmd.gov or 1-800-432-2045, extension 6294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle J. Percy".

Michelle J. Percy

Director, Planning and Development Division
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